

Farmington Town Hall Newsletter

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**Farmington Town News:
Town Hall Update –**

Land for our new town hall was purchased on February 25, 2014. The Board has met with the design firm, Martenson & Eisele, and showed plans to our Planning Commission on March 24th. We are hoping to be in the new town hall in time for the November elections.

REMINDER:

August 12, 2014 – Fall Primary: Governor, State Offices, County Offices-Circuit Clerk of Court, Sheriff, Coroner

November 4, 2014 – Gubernatorial & General Election – Governor, State Legislatures and County Offices.

April 21, 2014.....Annual Town meeting of Electors....7:00pm

Agenda items are the audit and financial report by Chairman Trinrud followed by any other business that may legally come before the Board.

Open Book/ Board of Review:

Each year residents are given the opportunity to meet at the Town Hall with the assessor during Open Book to discuss their current property assessments. If you choose after that meeting to appear before the Board of Review to contest your assessment, you will need to submit the necessary objection form in advance and receive an assigned appearance time from the Town Clerk. The burden of proof lies with the property holder to provide their case for change in assessment.

Open Book and Board of Review are held at the Town Hall. Specific dates published in *Waupaca County Post West*.

2nd half taxes are due July 31st to the Waupaca County Treasurer
Waupaca County Courthouse
811 Harding St.
Waupaca, WI 54981

WINTER was very hard on our roads with the snow, rain, ice causing Faulks Bros. to be out and about on many occasions for snow removal and sand/salt spreading. Our expenses for the 2013-2014 winter maintenance thru March 19th is \$131,609.85. We spent \$116,575.70 during the 2012-2013 winter season.

Spring Clean-up:

The Waupaca HS Student volunteers will clean up debris along **King** and **Pryse** roads this spring as part of their community project. The Town also appreciates any walkers who pick up litter found in ditches. Neighbors take small plastic bags along on their walk for that reason. **Thank you.**

Garbage Tags.....As reported in the *Waupaca County Post West*, December 26, 2013, the Waupaca Regional Recycling & Compost Commission, at their November 21, 2013 meeting, voted to increase the cost of the garbage tag from \$2 per bag to **\$3 per bag**. Tags are available in sheets of 5 at a cost of \$15.00 per sheet at the Town Hall.

ROADS:

The Town Board will be taking their spring road tour on April 7th to re-familiarize ourselves with suggestions made during our fall tour. At that time we found that many roads would do well with a seal coat application to help preserve their life expectancy. We also have potholes and crack sealing. The winter frost upheavals have not been kind to the roads.

The Town Board will be working with Roger Holman, Director, Waupaca County Parks and Recreation, this spring to provide safe parking on County Park Lane. We have also asked for his assistance in developing a kayak access to McCrossen Lake on our Grandview Rd. fire lane/right-of-way. Access will not allow for boat/trailer launching options.



Chain O' Lakes skiing hours: Rainbow, Round, Columbia, Long lakes.....

Monday, Friday – 10am – 4pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 10am – 7pm

Saturday, Sunday, Holidays – 10am – 2:30pm

The Chain Skiers were approved at our March 17, 2014 Board meeting to practice during the summer on Rainbow Lake beginning at 8am on Saturdays. We support their program for our youth.



Severe weather alert radios – that time of season.....Andrew Carlin, Director, Waupaca County Emergency Management.

NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) broadcasts National Weather Service weather alerts, warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day. Weather radios are called “indoor tornado sirens” because they broadcast **tornado warnings** as soon as they are issued and can wake you while sleeping. Outdoor storm sirens are meant only for warning people outdoors. They may not be heard at night or during a loud thunderstorm. All Hazards Weather Alert Radios will sound for a variety of situations, including severe weather, **hurricanes, tornadoes**, amber alerts and civil emergencies. Portable versions provide localized alerts to travelers, storm watchers and outdoorsmen. A weather radio that can run on back-up batteries is the only way to ensure you receive alerts even without electricity.

Weather Alert Radios are an inexpensive safety device. If you already have one, don't forget to test it. Every Wednesday around 11:00am the NWS does a test. Make sure that the volume is loud enough for you to hear. Change your battery (if it has one) when you change your clocks in the spring. The radio is also a quick way to get a local weather report at the touch of a button.

The Emergency Management Dept. at the Courthouse is available to program any weather alert radios purchased by our residents.



The Town currently oversees three cemeteries: **Barton, Salem, and Sheridan.** Sites are available for purchase at \$300.00 which includes Perpetual Care. Anyone interested can contact the Cemetery Secretary, Sandy Grenlie, at the Town Hall, 715-258-2779

Burning Permits.....Eric Halverson, Deputy Director Waupaca County Emergency Management

When used appropriately, burning permits are an important tool in wildfire prevention. They allow the public to burn legal materials in the outdoors and are proven to be effective in protecting lives, property, and natural resources from the damages of unwanted wildfires.

The simple steps to being a responsible debris burner:

1. Obtain the annual [burning permit online](#) or by calling 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) to have a permit mailed or instantly emailed. Permits are also available at a local Ranger Station or from an [Emergency Fire Warden](#).
2. On the day of the burn, check on the internet or over the phone after 11:00am for the daily fire restrictions in the county where you wish to burn: www.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn OR 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) (enter County Code)
3. Follow the rules for the day. Have tools and water available, and make certain your fire is completely out before leaving.

[Burning Permits, It's Your Responsibility \(PDF\)](#) is a printable summary of statewide forest fire regulations and other basic fire program information.

Information you will receive: Since weather conditions can change rapidly, fire managers set fire restrictions based on the current and predicted fire danger for the day. These restrictions will tell you if burning permits are required, time, and size restrictions, or if burning has been suspended due to increased forest fire danger. Remember, you must check daily after 11 am on the day you wish to burn regardless of whether or not you are planning to burn in the ground or in a barrel.

The DNR-issued free burning permits are good for the calendar year and are non-transferable. Waupaca County requires a burning permit January 1 – May 31 (not required when the ground is completely snow-covered).

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**How Do I Get Rid of Old Medications?..... by
Debbie Krogwold, Recycling Coordinator**

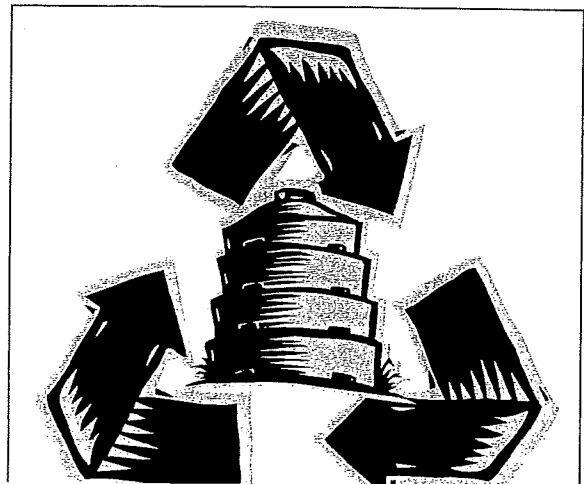
The Waupaca Police Dept., 1245 S. Washington, will accept unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications and supplements (pills, liquid, ointment, creams) Saturday, April 26 from 10am to 2pm. Keep medications in their original containers with name of medication visible. Your name can be removed or crossed off. Place liquid bottles in a sealed plastic bag. Needles and lancets cannot be accepted. Contact your pharmacy or Riverside Hospital for disposal information. If you miss this event, there is a medication drop-box at the Waupaca Sheriff's Dept. available year-round.

What Do I Do with Old Paint, Varnish, Pesticides and other Hazardous Waste?

The Waupaca County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program begins May 1 and runs through October 31 at the Waupaca County PTF, located at E4981 Swan Rd., Manawa. For minimal cost (\$0.20 to \$0.45 per pound), Waupaca County residents can properly dispose of oil and lead-based paint, varnish, stain, gasoline and other flammable liquids, pesticides, pool chemicals, and many other hazardous chemicals. This program is **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. To set up an appointment, please contact the PTF at 920-596-5370.

A Gift for that Gardner in Your Life....

Help your garden be the best it can be! Feed it COMPOST! Compost bins will be available for sale at the Waupaca County Solid Waste Dept., 811 Harding St., Waupaca and the Waupaca County PTF, Manawa, starting May 1 until sold out. Price is \$55.00 which includes the bin and a 'How-To' handbook. A model will be on display at both locations. Questions? Call 715-258-6240.



TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WISCONSIN
General Fund
Detailed Comparison of Budgeted and Actual Revenues
For the Year Ended December 31, 2013
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2012)

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	Actual Prior Year Amount
Taxes					
General property taxes	\$ 651,317	\$ 651,317	\$ 651,214	\$ (103)	\$ 651,291
Woodland/forest crop/managed forest crop	-	-	2,850	2,850	2,826
Interest on taxes	-	-	18	18	5
Total Taxes	651,317	651,317	654,082	2,765	654,122
Intergovernmental					
State shared taxes	57,872	57,872	57,680	(192)	57,869
State aids					
Exempt computer aid	395	395	395	-	527
Fire insurance dues	13,794	13,794	13,827	33	13,794
Water patrol	3,000	3,000	2,020	(980)	3,445
Transportation	163,813	163,813	163,813	-	163,813
Managed forest lands	-	-	17,116	17,116	2,206
Municipal service aid	21,828	21,828	21,776	(52)	24,638
D.N.R grant	-	-	783	783	-
Managed forest lands	568	568	559	(9)	566
PILT - State conservation aid	289	289	289	-	289
PILT - Equiv. to property tax	327	327	325	(2)	327
Total Intergovernmental	261,886	261,886	278,583	16,697	267,474
Licenses and Permits					
Business and occupational licenses					
Liquor and malt beverages	5,675	5,675	5,735	60	5,675
Cigarette license fees	1,200	1,200	1,170	(30)	1,110
Dog licenses	2,500	2,500	2,024	(476)	2,362
Building permits	13,200	13,200	19,590	6,390	14,340
Cable franchise fees	26,000	26,000	29,129	3,129	27,371
Total Licenses and Permits	48,575	48,575	57,648	9,073	50,858
Fines and Forfeits	100	100	116	16	89
Public Charges for Services					
Clerk/treasurer fees	200	200	418	218	280
Liquor license advertising fees	110	110	110	-	110
Culverts and snowplowing	100	100	50	(50)	150
Cemetery lot and maintenance fees	1,200	1,200	2,700	1,500	4,500
W.V.H. street light reimbursement	550	550	536	(14)	536
Water patrol reimbursement	3,000	3,000	4,162	1,162	2,648
Fire sign fees	100	100	150	50	200
Recycling tag fee	-	-	590	590	-
Total Public Charges for Services	5,260	5,260	8,716	3,456	8,424
Interest on Investments	3,000	3,000	5,150	2,150	8,582
Miscellaneous					
Insurance refund - landfill	48,000	48,000	48,000	-	48,000
Building Inspector Ed. Fund	800	800	955	155	825
Total Miscellaneous	48,800	48,800	48,955	155	48,825
Total Revenues	\$ 1,018,938	\$ 1,018,938	\$ 1,053,250	\$ 34,312	\$ 1,038,374

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Detailed Comparison of Budgeted and Actual Expenditures

For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2012)

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	Actual Prior Year Amount
General Government					
Town Board	\$ 27,650	\$ 27,650	\$ 29,969	\$ (2,319)	\$ 26,694
Legal	2,000	2,000	1,378	622	1,640
General administration	11,100	11,100	11,047	53	7,653
Elections	5,500	5,500	4,133	1,367	11,810
Accounting	5,960	5,960	7,010	(1,050)	5,770
Town clerk/treasurer	62,027	62,027	51,559	10,468	53,586
Assessor	22,000	22,000	21,368	632	21,795
Town hall maintenance	9,600	9,600	7,595	2,005	7,711
Employee life and disability insurance	7,605	7,605	8,241	(636)	6,825
Liability, property and worker's compensation insurance	11,000	11,000	10,095	905	10,247
Total General Government	164,442	164,442	152,395	12,047	153,731
Public Safety					
Law enforcement	9,200	9,200	10,920	(1,720)	7,354
Fire protection	101,819	101,819	101,737	82	102,279
Ambulance	51,844	51,844	51,844	-	47,484
Building inspector	12,800	12,800	16,471	(3,671)	13,741
Total Public Safety	175,663	175,663	180,972	(5,309)	170,858
Public Works					
Highway maintenance	442,944	490,944	513,343	(22,399)	413,506
Highway marking and signing	25,000	25,000	16,553	8,447	14,339
Street lighting	25,550	25,550	24,983	567	24,991
Sanitary landfill	98,000	50,000	45,440	4,560	45,248
Recycling	11,603	11,603	12,113	(510)	11,680
Total Public Works	603,097	603,097	612,432	(9,335)	509,764
Culture and Recreation					
Parks and recreation	57,091	57,091	57,091	-	57,091
Fire works display	1,675	1,675	1,675	-	1,675
Senior Center	500	500	410	90	260
Historical society	-	-	-	-	500
Total Culture and Recreation	59,266	59,266	59,176	90	59,526
Health and Human Services					
Cemetery	9,800	9,800	8,426	1,374	8,035
Humane shelter/dog pound	2,170	2,170	1,670	500	1,214
Total Health and Human Services	11,970	11,970	10,096	1,874	9,249
Conservation and Development					
Comprehensive planning	500	500	687	(187)	430
Capital Outlay					
Office equipment	2,000	2,000	1,398	602	-
Town hall	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	-
Water patrol	-	-	783	(783)	-
Total Capital Outlay	4,000	4,000	2,181	1,819	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,018,938	\$ 1,018,938	\$ 1,017,939	\$ 999	\$ 903,558